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SUBJECT: CHARGE DELIVERS DEMARCHE ON POTUS EUROPEAN-BASED
MISSILE DEFENSE DECISION

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Classified By: Mario Fernandez, Pol-Econ Officer,
reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) Charge notified MFA Chief of Staff and MFA Deputy Political Director about reftel demarche September 17, between 0930h and 1000h Washington time. Post further delivered non-paper shortly thereafter to the MFA Political Director's office. Both Chief of Staff and Deputy Political Director told Charge that although they had not discussed this issue with the Minister, they were quite comfortable in saying for the record that Portugal very much welcomes this development and that it looks forward to working with us through NATO on the new approach.

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